

## STUDIES IN THE GOSPEL OF MARK

### Mark 4: 1-41

#### “I MAY NOT KNOW HOW, BUT AT LEAST I KNOW!”

- I. **SPIRITUAL UNDERSTANDING IS A GIFT FROM GOD (Mark 4: 1-9)**
    - a. God takes the initiative in communicating with us
    - b. Many people have closed their hearts and refuse to listen to truth.
      - i. *<sup>8</sup> Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: "Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me." <sup>9</sup> And He said, "Go, and tell this people: 'Keep on hearing, but do not understand; Keep on seeing, but do not perceive.' <sup>10</sup> "Make the heart of this people dull, And their ears heavy, And shut their eyes; Lest they see with their eyes, And hear with their ears, And understand with their heart, And return and be healed."*
- II. **GOD’S WORD IS LIVING AND LIFE GIVING (Mark 4: 10-34)**
  - a. God will reveal truth if we humble ourselves and ask (10-13)
  - b. We are responsible for keeping our hearts receptive to the Word of God
    - i. Beware of the calloused heart
    - ii. Beware of the shallow heart
    - iii. Beware of the cluttered heart
  - c. A prepared heart will yield an incredible harvest for God’s glory (v. 20)
  - d. God has ordained an unchanging principle of sowing and reaping (v. 21-25)
  - e. We are privileged to observe that which we cannot explain! (v. 26-34)
- III. **WHEN WE WORSHIP THE SON, WE CAN WEATHER THE STORMS**
  - a. Remember God’s promises when you face your fears (v. 35)
  - b. Never accuse God of not caring about your dilemma
    - i. 1 Peter 5: 6-8
  - c. The Lord can bring peace in an instant. Trust Him!

**HAS YOUR FEAR OF GOD BECOME GREATER THAN ALL OTHER FEARS?**

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